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Mr. Jim Valentine, Chair
Four Cities Trash TMDL Subcommittee
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CERTIFICATION OF A BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) FOR TRASH CONTROL AS A FULL CAPTURE SYSTEM – FOUR-CITIES REQUEST

Dear Mr. Valentine:

We received the February 16, 2005, Cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge (Four-Cities) request for Full Capture System Certification of the BMP developed by the Four-Cities.

After reviewing your request and additional data on BMP's performance and schedule of maintenance, including street sweeping and catch basin debris removal, Regional Board staff determined that your proposal consisting of a combination of brush material and aluminum mesh installed at catch basins meets the criteria for an effective method of full capture of debris as required by the Trash TMDL.

Regional Board staff recommends that the Four-Cities continue to evaluate the performance of the system over time to meet the requirements of the Trash TMDL. We suggest that the progress in implementation and performance of the BMP be summarized as a comment in the Annual Program Report submitted under the Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Permit.

The Regional Board will review and consider performance data on a continuing basis. In the event, the data demonstrate that the systems are not performing to the full capture design standard established by the trash TMDL, then the Regional Board reserves the ability to rescind the certification for subsequent installations.

We appreciate your efforts, ingenuity and dedication to meet the goal of protecting the water quality in the Los Angeles Region.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this topic, please contact Melinda Becker at (213) 576-6681, or Xavier Swamikannu at (213) 620-2094.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Jonathan Bishop
Executive Officer

cc: Mr. Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

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